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TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depot at Toepchin

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REMARKS

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1. With the exception of a stoker and two electricians, all the German personnel employed at the Soviet ammunition depot in Toepchin were dismissed on 31 October 1951. The Soviet unit was increased to about 400 troops. Recruits wearing red epaulets arrived. They were quartered in winterized low wooden buildings. Three women in uniform were newly employed in the office. About 20 arc lamps were erected inside the depot area. Guard personnel was considerably increased.

2. German personnel sorted ammunition boxes, piled them in front of the bunkers and loaded them on freight cars between 8 and 18 October. Soviet soldiers then pushed the cars to the other bunkers and unloaded them. The boxes contained five shells each, gross weight 48 kg, and were labelled "99. 327", "10. 127" and "14.47". Heavy mortar shells were cleaned from 19 to 30 October. The daily quota of 200 boxes was less than 50 percent fulfilled as the German workers were not in a working mood. [redacted] four boxes with fuzes, gross weight 28 kg, on 9 October. (2)

3. Ammunition shipments arriving at Toepchin [redacted] between 17 and 31 October included: 3 carloads from Altenhain on 20 October; 1 carload from Wulkow on 24 October; and 25 carloads from Frankfurt/Oder on 29 October. Three cars of the latter shipment were then dispatched to Fuerstenwalde and 1 car to Kirchmoeser. (3)

4. The following shipments were dispatched from the depot:

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Date	Number of Railroad Cars	Receiving Station
20 October	8	Altengrabow
	6	Frankfurt/Oder
27 October	3	Pfaffendorf

5. Between 31 October and early November 1951, [redacted] was relieved,

using for transportation a train of 11 cars which was dispatched via Mittenwalde [redacted]

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Comments.

(1) To date, the program of the dismissal of German personnel affected only such supply installations that were subject to intensified safety measures. Information that all the German personnel had been dismissed was first received from the ammunition depot at Wilmersdorf. [redacted]
It appears that, since the beginning of October 1951, more attention has been given to the security of the supply installations. These safety measures may have been the result of personnel changes in the supply group of staff sections of the GOFG.

(2) The trucks identified belong to the rear services of the GOFG and to an unidentified unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

(3) The shipment on 29 October 1951 was previously reported.

(4) [redacted]
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(5) Detailed data on the AAA unit at Toenchin was contained in paragraph 9 of a previous report. [redacted]

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